172783

[0002/n/s][

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211 February 16, 2005



Dear Sir:

This is Concerning Docket NO. 2004-357-WS, Carolina Water Service, Inc.'s attempt to increase the monthly sewage rate for Kings Grant subdivision from \$28.86 per unit to \$40.92 per unit. For the last nine years Carolina Water Services' treatment plant and pumping station located in the Kings Grant subdivision has not met the code standard for Dorchester County. This information was obtained from our District four County Councilman, Mr. Larry Hargett.

The facility in Kings Grant has been repeatedly reported to DEHEC because of the foul smell surrounding the treatment plant and adjacent areas.

Please do not permit an increase in our fees for the substandard service which Carolina Water Service, Inc. has been guilty of providing the last nine years. They are asking for an approximate increase of 70 percent for poor and inadequate service.

I am asking the Commission to VOTE NO to their request for an adjustment of the Company's rates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John F. Atkinson 304 Shaftesbury Lane Summerville, SC 29485-8523 843 875-4545

jatkinson2@sc.rr.com

SC PUBLIC SERVICE

2005 FEB 17 MM 7: 52